



**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**  
**GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION**

**Whereas**, the more than 57,000 perianesthesia registered nurses in the United States whose interest are represented by one of our nation's premier specialty nursing organizations, the American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses, and

**Whereas**, perianesthesia nurses practice in all phases of preanesthesia and postanesthesia care, ambulatory surgery, pain management, and special procedure areas and

**Whereas**, the depth and breadth of the perianesthesia nursing profession meets the varied and emerging health care needs of the American population in a diversified range of environments, and

**Whereas**, The American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses, as the representative for the perianesthesia nurses of this country, strives to advance nursing practice through education, research and standards, and

**Whereas**, perianesthesia nursing has been established as essential in the quality of health care and safety of patients in the hospital and ambulatory surgery settings, and

**Whereas**, the demand for perianesthesia nurses will only increase due to an aging American population, advances in medicine that are prolonging life, and the meteoric expansion of home health care service, and

**Whereas**, the inestimable pre-eminent value of services and care provided by perianesthesia nurses will be a paramount importance to the American health care system and

**Whereas**, along with the American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses (ASpan), RIAPAN has declared the week of February 7-13, 2011 as "PeriAnesthesia Nurse Awareness Week" with the theme of celebration of the ways perianesthesia nurses strive to advance nursing practices, and therefore be it

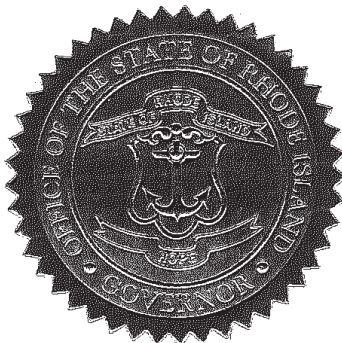
**Resolved**, that I, Lincoln D. Chafee, ask that all residents of Rhode Island join me in honoring the perianesthesia nurses who care so unselfishly, and proficiently for us all, and therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the residents of Providence, RI celebrate perianesthesia nurses; accomplishments and efforts to improve the quality of patient care, and nursing practices and show appreciation for our nation's perianesthesia nurses not just during the week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim February 7-13, 2011, to be:

**PeriAnesthesia Nurse Awareness Week in Rhode Island**

and urge all the citizens of the state to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.



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**Lincoln D. Chafee**  
Governor

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Secretary of State